

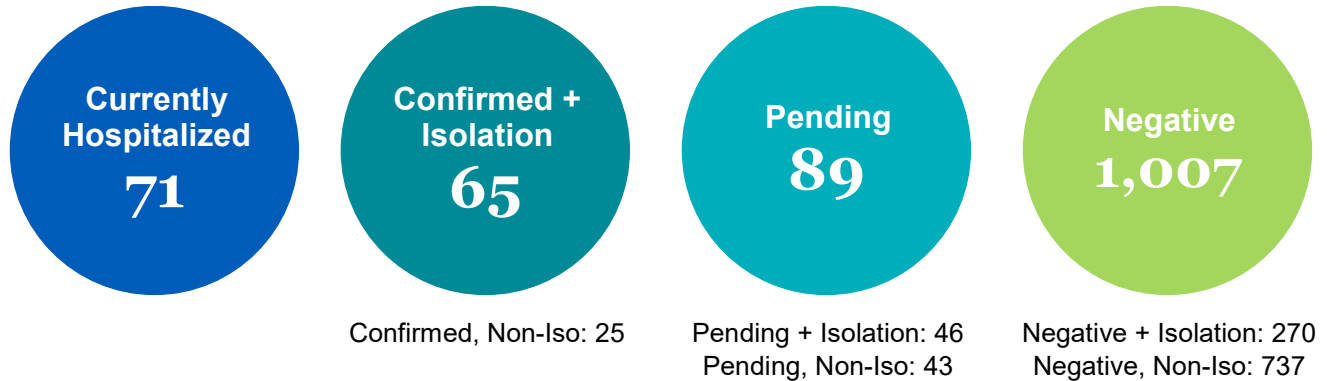
Department of Medicine

COVID-19 Information Bulletin

November 12, 2020

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admission Data

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Status of Patients on Site as of 12 November 2020*^



- Confirmed:** patients with a positive Covid-19 test in SCM or ProvLab, or CDOM status 'Confirmed'
- Pending:** patients with Covid-19 test pending in SCM or ProvLab
- Negative:** patients not 'Confirmed' or 'Pending', and most recent SCM test is negative, or CDOM status 'Not a case'
- Isolation:** patient has an active Isolation order
- Non-Iso:** patient does not have active Isolation order

COVID 19 Status of Patients by Attending Group as of 9 November 2020 *

	FMC		PLC		RGH		SHC	
	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending	Confirmed	Pending
Cardiac Sciences	1	2	1	0	--	--	--	--
Hospitalist	15	9	10	0	8	10	4	3
Med / Oncology / Hematology	2	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
Medical Teaching Unit	1	0	6	3	--	--	1	0
Medicine	5	1	--	--	8	21	2	0

* Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Operational Reporting Tableau Database](#) as of: 2020-11-12 11:15 am

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Patient Census[^]

	Nov 7		Nov 8		Nov 9		Nov 10		Nov 11	
	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU	Non-ICU	ICU
ACH	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
FMC	20.0	1.7	20.6	1.0	19.4	1.0	19.1	1.0	20.0	1.0
PLC	14.5	6.0	13.7	6.8	12.2	7.5	12.9	9.0	13.6	8.6
RGH	14.6	1.0	15.7	0.6	16.4	0.5	16.5	1.0	15.8	1.0
SHC	8.0	2.0	7.8	2.0	7.5	2.6	7.6	3.0	7.7	3.0
TOTAL	57.2	10.7	57.8	10.4	55.6	11.6	56.1	14.0	57.2	13.6

Calgary Zone COVID 19 Hospital Admissions by Day[^]

	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11
ACH	0	0	0	0	0
FMC	2	1	1	2	0
PLC	0	1	4	2	2
RGH	1	1	3	2	1
SHC	0	1	1	0	1
TOTAL	3	4	9	6	4

[^] Data from [Calgary Zone COVID 19 Daily Activity & Outcomes Tableau Dashboard](#) as of: 2020-11-12 00:00 pm

COVID-19 Outbreaks**FMC**

Units with heightened COVID-19 activity:

- **Units with dedicated COVID beds: 2** (Units 64 and 54)
- **Units on outbreak: 2** (Units 82 and 22)
- **Units on watch: 1** (Unit 61)

NEW FMC Unit 22 – Outbreak Status

FMC Unit 22 (Adult Inpatient Mental Health and Addictions) was placed on COVID-19 Outbreak on November 10, 2020.

There are two positive patients linked to this outbreak who have been transferred to the COVID-dedicated mental health unit at the South Health Campus.

No Health Care Workers are linked to this outbreak.

The multidisciplinary Outbreak Management Team for this Unit has been activated and will manage the situation similarly to previous outbreaks and areas of heightened COVID activity on site.

PLC

Units with heightened COVID-19 activity:

- **Units on outbreak: 3** (Units 38, 49 and 51)
- **Units on watch: 2** (Units 48 (CCU) and 37)

RGH

Units with heightened COVID-19 activity:

- [Units on outbreak: 3](#) (Units 58, 72, 74)
- [Units on watch: 2](#) (Units 56, 71)

SMCUC

- [Units on outbreak: 1](#) (iOAT)

Claresholm Centre for MH&A

Units with heightened COVID-19 activity:

- [Units on watch: 2](#) (Active Recovery Rehab Unit, Concurrent Disorders Unit)

NEW Daily Fit for Work Screening for Non-Continuing Care Staff in COVID-19 Outbreak Units / Areas

The new [Daily Fit for Work Screening Questionnaire for Non-Continuing Care Staff of a Confirmed COVID-19 Outbreak Unit / Area](#) is now live.

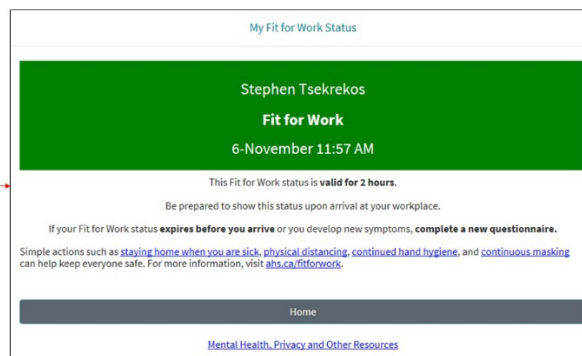
The questionnaire is available on the [Fit for Work](#) webpage as well as the [online tool](#).

Of note, the **green** screen, which staff are accustomed to seeing when they are *fit for work*, indicates a staff member has cleared the **standard** questionnaire, allowing them to access the AHS facility.

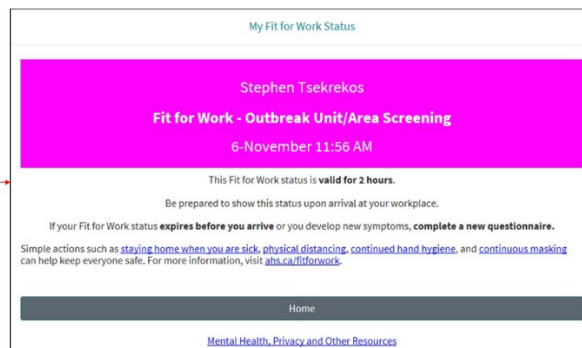
A new **pink** screen will appear when a staff member has been screened as *fit for work* using the “outbreak unit” question path of the online tool. The **pink** screen indicates that the staff member has cleared the outbreak unit questionnaire, allowing them access to the AHS facility AND access to the specific outbreak unit that they are working on.

So, **pink screen – fit for work in outbreak settings**. See the image below for a graphic representation.

For staff who have been screened as “fit for work” using the “[standard](#) (staff – acute care/non-continuing care)” online questionnaire, this is the result screen that appears



For staff who have been screened as “fit for work” using the “[Outbreak Unit/Area](#) (staff – acute care/non-continuing care)” online questionnaire, this is the result screen that appears



COVID ARP

If you bill **FFS** and you have not done so already, please consider joining the COVID ARP. Please contact Christopher Jappert (ChristopherT.Jappert@ahs.ca) for further details.

COVID-19: New / Updated Resources and Information

UPDATED [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions - Healthcare Worker / Staff](#) (12 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions - Public](#) (12 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [PPE Distribution to Community Specialists and Non-PCN Primary Care Physicians](#) (12 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [PPE Distribution to PCNs and PCN member physicians](#) (12 Nov 2020)

NEW [Designated Family and Support Persons Brochure – Know Your Risk During COVID-19](#) (posted 12 Nov 2020)

NEW [Designated Family and Support Persons Brochure: Know Your Role During COVID-19](#) (posted 12 Nov 2020)

NEW Memo: Information regarding pre-operative and pre-procedure testing of asymptomatic patients (10 Nov 2020)

Please review the attached messages that will be provided by HealthLink in response to requests for asymptomatic pre-op and pre-procedure COVID-19 testing:

1. **Physician or healthcare provider requesting to have pre-op or pre-procedure COVID-19 test booked for their patient:**
 - There is no role for pre-operative or pre-procedure testing using molecular detection of virus in the nasopharynx currently.
 - The burden of COVID-19 virus in the nasopharynx may be below the threshold of detectability at the time of the swab but may increase to above the threshold of transmissibility at the time of the procedure. This is particularly true when a lag of more than 24 hours occurs between swabbing and reporting of the test.
 - Therefore, there is significant risk of false reassurance from a negative test, which may in turn lead to less stringent adherence to required precautions and use of PPE.
 - Delaying surgical care in true emergency situations while awaiting a COVID-19 swab result may result in unnecessary morbidity or mortality, without adding value to the decision-making process.
 - Testing criteria are determined by the Public Health Policy section of Alberta Health. ***Direction from this body on April 9, 2020, specifically states that pre-operative testing is not approved.***
 - Future testing options, including point of care testing, will require additional review once available.
 - If you have concerns, please contact the Site Chief of Surgery where the surgery is to be booked.

2. **Physician or healthcare provider requesting to have pre-op or pre-procedure COVID-19 test booked for their patient who previously had a positive COVID-19 result:**
- Repeat testing within 90 days of a positive COVID-19 result as “proof of negativity” for cleared COVID-19-positive individuals is not supported at this time. Clearing of COVID-19-positive status is based on days since symptom onset and resolution of symptoms.
 - It is expected that COVID-19-positive individuals will continue to test positive for many weeks after their illness. This can last for up to 12 weeks depending on severity of illness, patient’s underlying co-morbidities and usually represents non-viable virus.
 - Patients do not receive certificates or cards or letters from Public Health or IPC that state that they are cleared of COVID-19-positive status.
 - The current Alberta Health guidelines do not recommend repeat testing in an individual who has been cleared within 90 days of the initial positive test UNLESS the individual is symptomatic AND has high risk of re-infection, or is immunocompromised, or has severe/progressing illness, or is vulnerable/works in a setting with vulnerable persons, or is a healthcare worker (<https://open.alberta.ca/publications/coronavirus-covid-19>).
 - It is recommended that if the surgery is elective, delay the surgery (if clinically feasible and safe) until at least 90 days after the initial positive result.
 - If you have concerns, please contact the Site Chief of Surgery where the surgery is to be booked.

NEW Addiction & Mental Health News: [Stigma and COVID-19](#) (9 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [Respiratory Illness Algorithm: Assessing the Need for Additional Precautions \(Isolation\)](#) (9 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) Frequently Asked Questions](#) (9 Nov 2020)

UPDATED [PPE Price List for External Providers](#) (5 Nov 2020)

Upcoming Events

COVID Corner – Update on the Inpatient Management of Patients with COVID-19

Wednesday, November 25, 2020

7:00 – 9:00 PM

[Register Here](#)

Moderators: Drs. Kelly Burak and Doug Woodhouse

Speakers: TBD

Learning Objectives:

By the end of this session participants will be able to:

1. Recognize factors identified with worse outcomes and use new prognostic scoring systems
2. Summarize the current evidence for pharmacologic treatment of COVID-19, including when to use dexamethasone and remdesivir
3. List important considerations if a hospitalized patient is deteriorating and when to consult specialists, including ICU
4. Use the Specialist Link Discharge Pathway to link patients to ongoing care in the community

For more information and to register, please click [here](#).

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